HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 2785 ELIYAHOU HARARI, ROBERT D. Examiner: P. Chung NORMAN and SANJAY MEHROTRA Serial No.: 08/931,133 Filed: September 18, 1997 For: **MULTI-STATE FLASH EEPROM** SYSTEM WITH CACHE MEMORY San Francisco, California **Assistant Commissioner of Patents** nenWashington, D.G., 2023 htts: CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 412.00 CH I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents. Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 6, 1998. Drug Oct 6, 1998 15/1998 AIBRAHIN 00000085 08931133 AMENDMENT 902.00 OP 02 FC:102 Sir: Responsive to the Office Action dated May 20, 1998, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows: IN THE CLAIMS: Amend the following existing claims, as follows: 163-(Amended) A method for extending the life of Flash EEprom memory in

a Flash EEprom system, comprising the steps of:

temporarily storing data files from a host system intended for the Flash EEprom memory in a cache memory, said cache memory able to undergo significantly more write/erase cycles than the Flash EEprom memory;